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BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE

1. DURING NATO CAUCUS DISCUSSION OF DECISION SHEET ON JUNE 14, US REP IS AUTHORIZED TO JOIN CONCENSUS ON CONTENT OF ANNEX I, INCLUDING COMPROMISE DESCRIBED IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL. WHEN GIVING US AGREEMENT, US REP SHOULD STATE THAT WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST SPECIFIC IMPROVECONFIDENTIAL

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MENTS IN THE DOCUMENT DURING FORMAL CSCE DISCUSSIONS. US REP SHOULD STRESS THAT IF SUCH POINTS WERE RAISED, THE US WOULD TAKE CARE NOT TO UNDERCUT COMMON ALLIANCE POSITIONS. WE ARE JOINING CONSENSUS NOW IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT DOCUMENT WILL BE TABLED ON JUNE 15. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SPECIFIC PASSAGES WILL ENDANGER THE BASIC POSITION AGREED IN BRUSSELS.

2. CONCERNING SPONSORSHIP OF DECISION SHEET IN BELGRADE, DEPARTMENT AGREES IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE A NONNINE NATO COUNTRY AND A NEUTRAL JOIN IN PRESENTING THE DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, US REP IS AUTHORIZED TO JOIN THE

CONSENSUS WHICH EMERGES FROM NATO DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION.

3. USNATO SHOULD INFORM OTHER ALLIES OF ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS TO BELGRADE DELEGATION.

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